

I support media diversity

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

I believe that democracy means diversity and diversity means having the ownership of the media reflect local groups rather than national conglomerates.

The airwaves really belong to the public, to the people. We are really leasing them to others for public information and the best in a broad range of journalistic news and opinion. Changing the rules to allow one entity to own more outlets in a single market is a betrayal of the public trust.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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